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Application # 10/042,179

Attorney Docket # 1014-202

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Lin, Wei  
Application # : 10/042,179  
Confirmation # : 5966  
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Application Title : Enhanced Channel Access Mechanisms for an HPNA Network  
Art Unit # : 2155  
Latest Examiner : Wang, Liang Che A.

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)**

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- (2) be made of record therein; and
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- ☒ **A.** This IDS is being filed per 37 CFR 1.97(b)
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- ☐ (3): before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits; **OR**
- ☒ (4): before the mailing date of a first Office Action associated with a request for continued examination (RCE) under 1.114;

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☐ C. This IDS is being filed per 37 CFR 1.97(d), AFTER the period specified in 37 CFR 1.97(c) [section B of this IDS], and ON or BEFORE the payment of the Issue Fee;

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**Legible Copies of Listed References:**

☐ D. In addition to the attached listing, accompanying this IDS is a legible copy of each listed:

- (1) foreign patent document;
- (2) pending unpublished U.S. application OR that portion of the application that caused it to be listed including any claims directed to that portion; AND
- (3) non-patent document or that portion thereof that caused it to be listed;
- (4) other information or that portion that caused it to be listed.

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- ☐ E. Consistent with 37 CFR 1.98(d), because the IDS submitted in parent U.S. Patent Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, to which this application claims priority per 35 U.S.C. 120, complies with 37 CFR 1.98(a) to (c), copies of the patent documents, non-patent documents, pending U.S. application, and other information submitted in that parent application do not accompany this IDS.

**Related U.S. Application(s):**

- ☐ K. The Examiner's attention is directed to U.S. Patent Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, which is directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of this U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the documents cited therein during examination of the present application.
- ☒ L. This application is one of a series of related applications, namely, U.S. Patent Application Nos. 10/042,142, 10/042,143, 10/042,165, 10/042,166, 11/256,598, 11/398,297, 11/598,575, which are directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of those U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to those applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the documents cited therein during the examination.
- ☐ M. The listed document(s) was/were cited by or submitted to the Office in parent application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120. Thus, copies of these documents are not attached. 37 CFR 1.98(d).
- ☐ N. Other:

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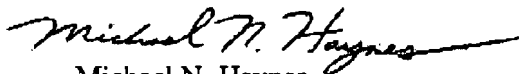
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**CONCLUSION**

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-2504. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 434-972-9988 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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